

**TODAY and
TOMORROW**

A Fantastic Illusion

WINSTON Churchill has resigned his British Premiership. And the Labour Party is now busy hammering out a platform on which to fight the coming general elections. In this connection, Ernest Bevin has, in a speech at the Labour Party Conference on Wednesday, outlined Labour Party's Indian policy.

Even granting that the Labour Party succeeds in achieving an absolute majority in the next House of Commons, what is India going to get from it? Bevin has clearly indicated it when he said, "We have struggled very hard to get Cripps' proposals accepted to which we were all party. I believe India regrets she did not accept them." So, all that the Labour Party intends to do, if and when it attains office and power, is to thrust on India the notorious Cripps' proposals which have been rejected not only by the Congress, but also by every minority group, including the Muslim League.

Now that Bevin's speech having been accepted as representing the Labour Party's policy to India, the resolution asking for the restoration of unconditional freedom to India was dropped. Instead, India will be given her freedom in small dribbles. He follows up this statement with the advice to his Indian friends not to put more pressure on a Labour Government that may come into being, than on its predecessors.

This is a fair enough warning that if a coalition government can deal with nationalist unrest in India without the least compunction or humanity, so can a Labour government too. This warning is totally unnecessary, for our people cannot have forgotten so soon that the repression they underwent in 1930 when Britain was ruled by Labour, is one of the bloodiest in the bloody history of British Imperialism in India.

Those who still believe that India will get her independence as a gift from the Britishers are labouring under a fantastic illusion. India's fate will be the same whether Labour or Conservative is in power in England. The only cure for India's ills is to destroy root and branch the British imperialism through our own efforts.

India has all the requisites for complete independence right now. It is British selfishness alone that hinders our march to our rightful place in the comity of nations. The British Conservatives will never give up India of their own accord. Nor will the British Labourites, though they, unlike the Conservatives, mask their imperialism with fine words. When we come to think of it, the Bevins of England are not far different from the Churchills.

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ENEMY PLANS NEW PUSH IN OKINAWA

*Nippon Storm Parties Take
Big Toll Of Foe Forces
On Tarakan Front*

Tokyo, May 24 (Domei)—Apparently aiming to infiltrate deeper to the south-east via Yonabaru, enemy forces in the southern part of Main Okinawa Island are now concentrating their offensive on the eastern shore. Newly-arrived reinforcements are being rushed to this battlefield since May 19. There is no material change on the western shore front however. Fighting taking place on the eastern shore from May 19 to 22 may be summed up as follows: The enemy after advancing on Amagolmura via Yonabaru and Kamiyonabaru from a point east of Untamamori on the eastern shore, is now meeting fierce opposition by Nippon garrisons. The enemy in this sector appears to be encountering difficulties in keeping up reinforcing and supplying his forces from the rear.

Approximately 300 enemy troops attacked the height west of Tobaru, north-east of Shuri. Simultaneously two enemy units of 200 to 400 troops each, supported by five or ten tanks, persistently tried to penetrate Nippon defence lines, resulting in sharp fighting in this locality. Five hundred enemy troops supported by 20 tanks are now operating at a point north of Ona, north-west of Shuri, while in the Makabi sector 200 enemy troops with approximately ten tanks are continuing attacks. In the Asato area another enemy unit of 200 and ten tanks is making persistent attacks on Nippon positions. Part of the enemy troops succeeded in penetrating to the south of Makabi. Indications thus are that the enemy is attempting to effect a breakthrough of our lines in the eastern shore area to advance to the rear of Shuri.

A Nippon Base in the South-west Pacific, May 23 (Domei)—Nippon garrison forces on Tarakan Island are locked in heavy fighting with enemy invaders who are directing the main strength of their offensive to a height north of the airfield. Heavy toll is being exacted from the enemy by our storming parties who are daily infiltrating deep into the enemy lines.

A small squad of several members led by Corporal Ohara stole into the enemy rear last Sunday night and blasted four enemy motor lorries, besides causing more than 23 casualties among enemy forces.

Meanwhile, the enemy is frantically speeding repair of Tarakan airfield. However, as yet he has been able to base only a few small-type planes in this airfield. These planes are chiefly engaged in reconnaissance activities.

India's Grave Food Shortage Now Admitted

*Br. Food Commissioner's
Appeal To Step Up
Food Production*

Lisbon, May 23 (Domei)—Referring to India's critical food shortage, Sir Clarence Bird, British Food Commissioner for North-west India, declared in a broadcast over the Lahore Radio last night that the present food production in India was not enough to sustain the country's population, according to a New Delhi dispatch.

To ensure food sufficiency, nearly 20,000,000 tons of food are required from overseas every year, he said. The Food Commissioner strongly urged the Indian people to give their wholehearted support in stepping up production.

57 Foe Planes Downed Damaged In Tokyo

Tokyo, May 24 (Domei)—Dai Honyei announced in a communique released at 3.30 p.m. as follows:

"Firstly, for about two hours and a half beginning from about 1.30 a.m. May 24, some 250 enemy B-29's from southern bases made an indiscriminate attack with incendiary bombs mainly on the Metropolis.

"Secondly, as a result of this enemy attack the arbour in the Imperial Palace garden and also attached establishments in the compounds of the Akasaka detached Palace were destroyed by fire.

"Thirdly, almost all fires that broke out at places in the city were extinguished by about 7 a.m.

"Fourthly, of war results obtained by our anti-air interception units those that have so far become known are 27 enemy aircraft shot down, and some 30 others heavily damaged."

NIPPON ASSAULT TROOPERS EFFECT COUNTER-LANDING

A Nippon Base at the Southern Front, May 23 (Domei)—A crack Nippon assault unit has succeeded in effecting a daring counter-landing on strategic Morotai Island. Morotai Island occupies a highly important place in the enemy's Pacific strategy as one of the major supply bases for enemy invasion forces on the Philippines front as well as a base of operations for the invasion of Davao and Tarakan where sharp fighting is now raging.

The latest counter-landing was effected with the object of reinforcing these Nippon units engaged in the mission of harassing enemy air activities

LABOUR PARTY SHELVES INDIA FREEDOM ISSUE AT BLACKPOOL CONFERENCE

*India Revolutionaries
Get Busy; Bengal Troop
Train Made To Collide*

Although the British censors in India are doing their best to suppress all news of revolutionary activities, reports received here through the advance agents of the Azad Hind Fauj reveal that Indian patriots have been very busy with their sabotage activities against war-important factories, railway communications and other vital centres connected with Anglo-American war efforts.

According to a report from New Delhi received here yesterday, a railway collision occurred at 10.30 on Monday night on the Howrah-Burdwan line of the East India Railway. It is reported that a train carrying Anglo-American troops crashed into the rear of a goods train near Manirampur station. As a result, many were killed and many seriously injured. Although the New Delhi report tried to make out that the whole thing was a mere accident, it is understood that the collision occurred as the result of a well-organised plot by the anti-British forces in Bengal.

Meanwhile, according to a report from New Delhi, serious warning to Britain of the rising tempo of the anti-British feeling throughout the country formed the keynote of the new book entitled "Britain and India" by Sriji C. Rajagopalachariar, former Congress Premier of Madras. The author denounced Britain's lack of sincerity in her attitude towards the Indians and said that Indians had already been deceived for many years and would not trust Britain any more. He added that the British must quit India and that British imperialism must be discarded once and for all.

*Cripps' Proposals Held
Maximum Britain Can
Offer To Indians*

While the anti-British revolution in India is increasing in intensity, the British are getting more and more panicky over the seriousness of the crisis confronting them in India. The British panic is clearly revealed in reports received here. According to one report, the British Labour Party is pretending to show great sympathy for India.

In a speech outlining the Labour Party's foreign policy at the Party Conference held in Blackpool on Wednesday, Ernest Bevin, Britain's Minister of Labour, admitted that the situation in India is causing the British considerable anxiety. In an effort to placate the nationalist forces in India, Bevin declared that the Labour Party is ready to settle the Indian question.

He added he would add year by year to India Government more and more responsibility. However, Bevin made it quite clear that India cannot expect from the Labour Party, even if it comes into power, anything more than the notorious Cripps' proposals which have been rejected by almost all parties in India. Bevin said, "We have struggled very hard to get Cripps' proposals accepted to which we were all party. I believe India regrets she did not accept them."

That the British Labour Party has no real intention to offer India anything more than the Cripps' proposals was made abundantly clear when a resolution asking for the restoration of unconditional freedom to India was dropped by the Conference. During the conference J. Hind, Member of Parliament revealed that the starvation conditions in India as a result of the British-created famine were appalling. He also admitted the seriousness of the crisis confronting the British in India, when he declared that there is no issue in foreign policy which surpasses in importance and urgency the situation in India today.

Commenting on Bevin's proposals for solving the Indian deadlock George Bernard Shaw stated that they mean nothing. As to Bevin's promise that India's troubles would be almost over if the Labour Party won the election, Shaw remarked, "Indians will have to manage as best as they can. We have enough to do to look after these islands without having to look after India. Indians must decide for themselves what sort of Government they want," Shaw concluded.

2 More Warcraft Sunk In Waters Off Okinawa

Tokyo, May 24 (Domei)—The Nippon air force in another attack launched against enemy warcraft in Okinawa waters last Tuesday night sank one heavy cruiser and destroyer. These two enemy craft were bagged by our airmen in their sweep over waters near Iyeyima, north-west of Main Okinawa Island.

Earlier in the day our air unit successfully torpedoed one enemy battleship in waters north-east of Kumejima. The enemy battleship was heavily crippled by direct torpedo hits and subsequently was seen to have lost cruising powers. In the course of the same attack our airmen reported they succeeded in scoring torpedo hits on three other enemy warcraft of unidentified category.

Results of this torpedo attack however remain yet to be confirmed.

Nippon Forces Take For Airbase In New Guinea

Nippon Base in the South Pacific Front, May 23 (Domei)—The enemy airfield in the Mar area east of Sorong on the north-western shore of New Guinea is now firmly in Nippon hands. Our forces completed mopping up operations in the Mar area through a series of campaigns conducted since February 20 when they captured Sospur east of Mar by surprise attacks.

Enemy positions and bivouacs in and around Mar airfield have been completely destroyed and enemy remnants barely escaped to nearby Middleberg Island. As a result of successful Nippon operations enemy aircraft have disappeared from the Mar area and at the same time the enemy appears to have abandoned use of the remaining airfield on Middleberg Island.

Br. Government Turns Down Iraq's Request

Lisbon, May 23 (Domei)—Although the Iraq Government has asked for an amendment of the Anglo-Iraq Treaty of Alliance and Friendship, there has been no move on the part of the British Government to meet the Iraq suggestion, according to a Baghdad dispatch.

The disclosure was made in the Iraq Parliament by the Iraq Premier who said that Iraq will have to wait until the end of hostilities before bringing up the question.

Journalists Here To Celebrate Navy Day

Syonan, May 24 (Domei)—The local journalists' club, the Nanko Kisha Kai will celebrate Navy Day on May 27 with a lecture-movie meeting to be held at the Syowa Gekijo at 6.30 p.m.

Speeches on the significance of the day will be delivered by representatives of the Malay, Chinese, Indian and English newspapers to be followed by a film show.

The function is open to all local journalists and all those engaged in newspaper offices and the general public.

Nipponese Film's Record Season Here

Owing to public demand for an extension of period, the film "Kurama Tengu," Dai-Ei Studio's action masterpiece, which is drawing big crowds at the Syowa Gekizyo daily, is now being extended until Sunday the 27th instant.

The film has created a new record in attendance, beating out the record held by "Ahen Senso." When the season closes it will have established another new record for the picture's 11-day run.

The next change will be "Kyodai Kaigi."

Delicate Soviet Friendship With Anglo-Saxons

Lisbon, May 22 (Domei)—Current delicate Anglo-American-Soviet relations were again attested to, this time by a dispatch by Mallory Browne, Christian Science Monitor correspondent at London. Browne said, "The serious and disquieting issues" in the general international situation which Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden referred to in Parliament on May 17 are just beginning to trouble the British public.

Excerpts from Browne's article follow:

In particular the question of Anglo-American relations vis-à-vis Soviet Russia has now become delicate not to say critical. The state of relations between the Soviets and English-speaking democracies has been deliberately played down in the British press and gone almost unmentioned in B.B.C. programs.

The contrast in this respect between the United States and Britain is striking, and perhaps if continued might become a serious matter. Whereas the Americans have been made gradually and freely aware of tension with Moscow, most Britons learned with sudden surprise that some newspapers in the United States were hinting at the possibility of war with Russia.

Commenting on this, A. J. Cummings, political editor of the News Chronicle, says in a copyrighted article, "Glib talk in the reactionary section of the American press about 'war with Russia' has no reality except that it has increased Soviet suspicions about the long-term policy of the Western democracies. In that sense it is mischievous and doubtless was intended to be so."

But, Cumming goes on to say, nevertheless there is genuine anxiety about Russia's unilateral actions in some of its so-called spheres of interest, and, he concludes, "the danger in the near future is not war but prolonged disunity among the leading powers."

It is in this prospect of disunity and its catastrophic effects on the overwhelming problems of reconstructing Europe that underlies "serious and disquieting issues" referred to by Anthony Eden in the House of Commons.

Significantly, Browne goes on to say in London as in Washington "the failure of the Soviet Government to display a more co-operative attitude has recently aroused serious concern. And, it can be stated authoritatively that the British and United States Governments are completely in agreement on this point."

Browne went on to say, "The British general public as well as

Socialism Takes Strong Stand In Balkan Countries

Zurich, May 23 (Domei)—A Reuter dispatch from Istanbul today significantly reported that recent developments in the Balkans point to the existence of a carefully preconceived Soviet plan to establish a Communist regime in every country in the Peninsula. "The principle seems to be that political organization, however small the number of its original members, can, if it possesses determined, well disciplined and 'dynamic elements' easily acquire political ascendancy and finally impose its will on the country," it said.

With this principle in mind, Communist elements in Balkan countries as their first step have secured control of such positions as ministers of Justice and Interior with control of police and gendarmerie. As their second step they have then embarked on a policy of ruthlessly exterminating their political opponents.

When the German collapse began in the Balkans, Communists in Bulgaria, the dispatch cited, formed the patriotic front with Agrarian, Social Democrat and Zveno parties, and eventually seized control of the ministries of Justice and Interior. "The first consequence of this Communist ascendancy has been the extermination of political opponents through trials in peoples courts and by other means," the dispatch said.

Communists have been using the same method in Rumania, although the pace is slower than in Bulgaria. The dismissal of Nicolae Radescu, Rumanian Premier, and the advent to power of Petru Groza, gave Communists the ministries of justice and interior and control of police, the dispatch said.

In an intensified political campaign, Communists in Rumania are breaking up the National Peasant Party and compelling most of its supporters to join the Communists, while an official program is underway to punish so-called collaborationists. Admitting that Anglo-American missions with the allied control commission in Bulgaria and Rumania were powerless to deal with the situation, the dispatch said "the real power was in the hands of the Russian Commander-in-Chief."

British officials are beginning to get disturbed by Russia's high-handed procedure in Poland and by certain other developments such as Soviet slowness in inviting the Allied Control Commission to Vienna," and added "people are asking what it is Russia really wants."

America's Big Shipping Losses And Casualties

Lisbon, May 23 (Domei)—Vice-Admiral Emory S. Land, Chairman of the United States Maritime Commission, in a "Maritime Day" address at Mobile, Alabama, today said that more than 6,500,000 tons of American shipping have been lost since the war began in Europe in 1939, according to an American dispatch.

He said that the figure represented more than half of the entire American pre-war maritime fleet and predicted that within the next month or two shipping will be "tighter than at any time since the war began."

This serious shipping condition will continue for an indefinite time, he furthermore stated.

Meantime, Vice-Admiral H. F. Leary, American Commander of the Eastern Sea Frontier, today revealed at a rally in New York that American marine casualties alone rose to more than 6,000 before the end of the war in Europe.

Of the 6,000 casualties, almost 5,000 were missing, Leary said, adding he felt it needless to underline that "missing" means dead when applied to men on sea duty.

Edouard Herriot Returns To Paris After Release

Lisbon, May 23 (Domei)—Edouard Herriot, one-time French Premier and leader of the Radical-Socialist Party, has returned to Paris after being freed by the Soviet invasion of Germany, according to a Paris dispatch today. Herriot's return is expected to give further impetus to the Leftist tendency in France.

Saboteurs Breach Vital Pipeline In Beisan Area

Zurich, May 24 (Domei)—Saboteurs have breached the vital Iraqi pipeline by means of explosives in the Beisan area of the Jordan River for the first time since pre-war disturbances, according to a Reuter's report from Jerusalem. They also mined telegraph poles in the same vicinity.

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Nippon Government Issue Wartime Personnel Decree

Tokyo, May 23 (Domei)—Government promulgated in an official gazette under date May 24 a decree setting forth important duties for wartime essential personnel in an emergency which aims at strengthening essential personnel for wartime enterprises and also to venture speedy and efficient distribution and shifts in assignments of essential personnel in case of emergency.

Wartime essential personnel who are owners of enterprises are called upon by the decree to perform the following duties:—to prepare for any emergency they should establish an employee command system, perfect defence facilities, preserve important documents, and perform other matters necessary in labour management. In case of emergency they should take command of subordinates and fulfil their responsibilities by standing at the vanguard.

Vesak Day Programme At Ramakrishna Mission

The Vesak Day will be celebrated at the Ramakrishna Mission, 9, Norris Road, Syonan, tomorrow.

The following is the programme: 11 a.m. Buddha Puja; 1.30 p.m. Feeding of inmates of the Ramakrishna Mission Girls' Home (by Sinhalese Buddhist Temple); 2 p.m. Feeding the poor (by Sinhalese Buddhist Temple); 6 p.m. Worship and Prayer; 6.20 p.m. Jaya Mangala Gatha (Hymn)—by Buddhist children; 6.30 p.m. Addresses on the Life and Teachings of Lord Buddha by Ven. Bhikku M. M. Mahawera, Swami Bhaswarananda and Brahmanchari Kailasam (Tamil); 7.30 p.m. Devotional Songs—Sjt. D. Pritamdas (Hindustani), Sjt. P. Sarengapani (Tamil, Vocal), Sjt. K. Krishnan (Mridangam), Sjt. K. Sukumaran (Ganjira).

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